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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 7 February 1956

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Ridgely Gaither, Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

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1. Approval of Minutes
31 January Meeting
(IAC-M-228)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 287

Noted.



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4. NIE 42.1-56
Probable Developments in
the Republic of Korea
Through Mid-1957

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation
of the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Noted the validity study of SE-48, "Capabilities and
Probable Courses of Action of the Republic of Korea with Respect
to the Armistice in Korea," dated 13 October 1953.

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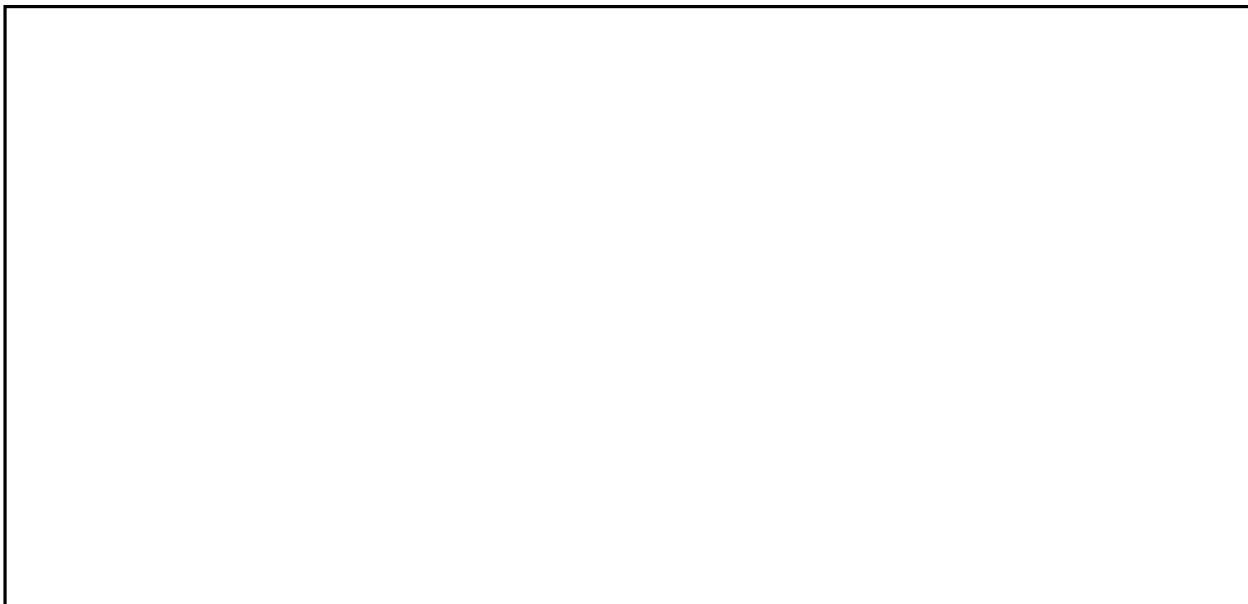
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5. NIE 24-56
The Political Outlook
in Italy

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation of the post-mortem on this estimate.
- c. Noted the validity study of NIE 24-54, "Probable Developments in Italy," dated 16 November 1954.
- d. Mr. Armstrong said that he has concluded that validity studies of NIE's are valuable contributions to the estimative process.

6. NIE 13-56
Chinese Communist Capabilities
and Probable Courses of Action
Through 1960
(IAC-M-226, 17 January 1956,
item 5b; ONE Memorandum,
12 January 1956, item 1b)



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b. The IAC reaffirmed its position on this matter by a majority vote. The Committee appreciates fully General Schweizer's requirement for a US contribution to his weekly summary report. The Committee's reservations are based on a belief that indications intelligence cannot be handled adequately in such summary form. It is the opinion of the Committee that the risks attending the release of a brief report, other than a negative report, outweigh the political benefits which would accrue from US participation.

8. Executive Session

At 1215 General Samford requested an Executive Session.

Adjournment: 1235

Secretary

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